

MENAI BRIDGE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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for the year

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PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

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To the Chairman and Members of the Council.

I have the honour to present the 20th Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health, being the report of the health of the Urban District in 1970.

The Registrar General's estimate of the population for the mid-year 1970 was 2519, an increase of 129 in comparison with the previous year. In noting the trend of the population some interest may be obtained in observing the following past years and figures:-

1950	=	1,889
1960	=	2,090
1970	=	2,519

The Urban District area in acres remains static. The number of Council Houses is 234.

The number of Births within the District was 37 while the number of Deaths was 38. There was no death due to Tuberculosis and no case was notified.

No epidemics of any character appeared among the inhabitants, and the Urban District community again enjoyed a commendable degree of good health. For such favourable circumstances, appreciation is felt for the recommendable work of colleagues in General Practice, District Midwife and Health Visitor together with all voluntary workers in the Clinic.

The Report of the Public Health Inspector is included for which appreciation is recorded for his co-operation and satisfactory procedure in maintaining a recommendable hygienic standard within the District. It is recommended that his observations on Refuse Disposal and Public Conveniences be noted. It would be appreciated if the Council maintained a keen interest in this amenity and if vandalism persists and resulting in expensive destruction, it could be questioned whether one single toilet suite manned by a Caretaker and closed during the winter months would be the answer in the future, as far as a highly desirable satisfactory amenity is concerned. Year after year there is evidence of more people visiting and going through this delightful gateway to the Isle of Anglesey. Tourism is on the increase everywhere and this particular facility is the first observation of the public. Good satisfactory facilities always prove most welcome and reflect on the industry and interest of a Council.

In conclusion I wish to thank the Clerk, Mr. Trevor Hughes, and his staff for a most sincere and pleasing co-operation in all matters concerning the health environment of the District. Also I wish to take this opportunity to thank the Chairman and members of the Health and Housing Committees for their interest, confidence and pleasant co-operation.

I remain,

Your obedient servant,

W. ARTHUR JONES.

Medical Officer of Health.

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area in Acres	825
Population (Registrar General's mid 1970 Estimate)	2,519
Number of inhabited houses ::	1,000
Number of Council Houses	234
Rateable Value as at 31.3.70	£89,103
Sum produced by the Penny Rate as at 31.3.70	£373

VITAL STATISTICS

<u>Live Births</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	17	18	35
Illegitimate	1	1	2
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	18	19	37
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The Birth Rate per 1,000 population was 15.0. Rates for previous years were:- 1968 - 20.1; 1967 - 12.6; 1966 - 19.0; 1965 - 17.7. The Birth Rate for Anglesey in 1970 was 18.0; England and Wales - 16.0.

The adjusted Birth Rate for Menai Bridge was 17.1.

Stillbirths

Nil.

Deaths.

<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
23	15	38

The Death Rate per 1,000 population was 15.4. The Rate for Anglesey was 12.7; England and Wales - 11.7.

The adjusted Death Rate for Menai Bridge was 15.6 and for Anglesey was 11.2.

Maternal Deaths.

Nil.

Deaths of Infants under one year of age.

Nil.

Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of age.

Nil.

Deaths of Infants under 1 week of age

Nil.

TABLE SHOWING CAUSES OF DEATH (ALL AGES)

CAUSE OF DEATH	MALE	FEMALE
Other infective and parasitic Diseases	1	-
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	2	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine	-	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	5	-
Malignant Neoplasm, Ovary	2	-
Leukaemia	-	1
Other malignant neoplasms	1	2
Anaemias	-	1
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	1	-
Hypertensive disease	1	1
Ischaemic heart disease	5	3
Other forms of heart disease	-	1
Cerebrovascular disease	1	1
Other disease of circulatory system	1	1
Influenza	1	-
Pneumonia	1	-
Bronchitis and Emphysema	1	1
Intestinal obstruction and hernia	1	-
Motor vehicle accidents	1	1
TOTALS	25	15

PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Notifiable disease (excluding Tuberculosis)

Table showing cases notified during the year, classified into age groups.

DISEASE	-1	1+	2+	3+	4+	5-9	10-14	15-24	25+	?
Measles	-	2	1	1	2	6	-	-	1	-
Dysentery	1	-	2	1	1	1	-	2	1	7
Food Poisoning	-	-	2	-	1	2	1	1	2	1
Jaundice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1

TUBERCULOSIS

Nil.

VACCINATION AND IMMUNISATION

These services are provided by the County Council and by General Practitioners in the District.

Vaccination against Tuberculosis

B.C.G. vaccination is carried out by the Chest Physician in collaboration with the County Medical Officer and his staff. The scheme provides for the vaccination of new born infants born into tuberculous households and of tuberculin negative contacts of known cases.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948.

No action was taken in respect of any individual under Section 47 of this Act.

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GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area in acres	=	825
Population (Est. mid. 1970)	=	2,519
Number of inhabited houses	=	1,000
Number of Council owned dwellings	=	234
Rateable value 31,3,70.	=	£89,103
Product of a one penny rate at 31.3.70.	=	£373
Number of Council Houses	=	199
Number of flats for the aged	=	27
Number of bungalows for the aged	=	8
Number of new houses and flats erected during the year	=	63
Number of Standard Improvement Grants approved	=	5
Number of Discretionary Grants approved	=	5

Refuse Collection.

A weekly collection of refuse was maintained throughout the year from all properties within the Urban District. Few problems in administration of the service arose.

Refuse Disposal.

The refuse tip situated at Refail Newydd which has caused so much concern in past years is now closed. Problems of acquisition of final covering material does however give cause for concern.

The new refuse tip at Penhesgyn Gors was opened early in the year. This tip has been provided and operated as a result of a joint Scheme involving the Beaumaris Borough Council, the Aethwy R.D.C. and Menai Bridge U.D.C. and I would wish to record my thanks to my brother officers in those Authorities and especially Mr. Burroughs and Mr. Wilkes of Aethwy R.D.C. for their hard work which has resulted in such a successful scheme.

I have full confidence in the capability of this joint scheme to satisfy the needs of this part of the Island for many years.

Sewerage & Sewage Disposal.

No major alterations took place during the year. No problems arose regarding the four crude sewage outfalls which discharge to the Menai Strait but nevertheless, design work continued on the new Sewerage & Sewage Disposal Scheme, and discussions continued with the various bodies having an interest in the proposed new outfall to the Strait.

Public Conveniences.

The closure of the old refuse tip was a relief to me surpassed only by the relief at the closure of the old Wood Street public conveniences. These were completely obsolete and outdated and were a constant source of complaint. The new public conveniences adjoining the library were operational early in the year and although several acts of gross vandalism and continuing minor acts of damage or disfigurement have taken place, the premises have been kept in a satisfactory state. The conveniences at Bridge End continue to serve the needs in that area. At the time of writing I have high hopes that the coming year will see the provision of a small set of conveniences to serve the Bowling Green/Porth Wrach area and consideration must also be given to the possibility of providing toilets in the Town Centre, preferably in the High Street Car Park.

Food Hygiene.

Hotels, cafes and food premises have been inspected during the year, but it is hoped considerably more time will be available in the future so that this important work can be tackled in a more systematic and thorough manner.

Food Condemnation.

During the year the following foodstuffs were surrendered to me and after inspection, certificates of soundness were issued. The total weight involved was 248lbs 5 ozs consisting of tinned meats, a small quantity of cheese and various miscellaneous tinned foods.

Ice Cream.

By far the bulk of ice cream sold within the District is prepacked, the small amount of unpacked being sold by mobile vendors. It is hoped that more time will be available for routine bacteriological sampling in future than hitherto.

Rodent Control.

Rodent control in domestic properties continued to be carried out by the Council's rodent operator. Control in sewers continues to be carried out by a private company on a contract basis.

Factories Act.

The number of factories in which Section 1-6 are enforced by the Local Authority remained at sixteen. Twelve inspections were made, no defects of particular note were found.

Offices, Shops & Railway Premises.

Regular inspections of the 83 registered premises continued during the year.

Swimming Pool.

There is no swimming pool within the District. A small children's paddling pool is situated on the Belgian Promenade and maintained during the summer months.

Water Supplies.

All houses in the built-up area of the District are served by a mains water supply provided by the Anglesey County Council. There are a few properties in the outlying areas which rely on wells and springs.

Building Control.

Inspections required by the Building Regulations are carried out by the Department, there being 63 new properties erected during the year. A larger amount of supervision has been necessary than in previous years due to the higher number.

Petroleum Storage.

Seven premises were licensed for the storage of petroleum spirit during the year, the total amount of petrol stored in the Town being 39,450 gallons. Some of the tanks are believed to be over twenty years old and testing will need to be carried out in future years to verify their good condition before renewal of licences.

General.

I wish to record my thanks to all members of my Department, especially Miss Dawson, and to the Clerk of the Council and his Staff for the ready and willing co-operation during the year. Finally may I express my thanks to the Chairman and Members of the Council for their ready support at all times.

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